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C O N F I D E N T I A L PANAMA 0289

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, PN, PQ
SUBJECT: "CRITICA" ACCUSATIONS AGAINST GOVERNOR PARFITT

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. FRONT PAGE OF JANUARY 13 "CRITICA"
CARRIES ARTICLE ACCUSING GOVERNOR OF THE CANAL ZONE HAROLD R.
PARFITT OF HAVING WANTED SOMEONE TO BE KILLED IN THE JANUARY 9
PANAMANIAN STUDENT DEMONSTRATION IN THE ZONE. TRANSLATION OF
THE ARTICLE FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN QUOTE: (HEADLINE) THE 'GOVERNOR OF WHAT' WANTED A
DEATH ON THE 9TH.

BEGIN TEXT: QUOTE CANAL ZONE GOVERNOR HAROLD R. PARFITT,
ACCORDING TO INFORMATION AND COMMENTARIES LEAKED BY
EMPLOYEES OF THE PANAMA CANAL INFORMATION OFFICE, EXPRESSED
DISGUST BECAUSE NOBODY DIED IN THE ACTION WHICH PANAMANIAN
STUDENTS TOOK ON JANUARY 9 IN THE CANAL ZONE.

QUOTE OUR REPORTERS ARE ABLE TO INFORM THAT GOVERNOR PARFITT
COMPLAINED AND REPRIMANDED HIS SUBORDINATES IN CHARGE OF
SECURITY CONTROL IN THE CANAL ZONE FOR NOT HAVING STOPPED, EVEN
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WITH VIOLENCE, THE STUDENTS WHO MARCHED THROUGH ZONIAN STREETS,
AND RAISED THE PANAMANIAN FLAG ALONG THE LENGTH OF THEIR MARCH,
AND FOR NOT HAVING STOPPED THE SAME STUDENTS FROM BURNING
A SWASTIKAED U.S. FLAG.

QUOTE OUR SOURCE OF INFORMATION ALSO STATED THAT THE GOVERNOR
OF THE ZONE EXPRESSED HIS OPINION THAT THE ACTION OF THE

PANAMANIAN STUDENTS SHOULD HAVE BEEN REPRESSED THROUGH THE USE OF RIOT CONTROL METHODS INCLUDING TEAR GAS GRENADES, SHOT GUNS, AND OTHER WEAPONS. END QUOTE. END UNCLASSIFIED.

3. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. "CRITICA" IS "CONTROLLED" BY THE PANAMANIAN AUTHORITIES (PRIMARILY NATIONAL GUARD G-2 NORIEGA); BUT THAT DOES NOT MEAN THAT EVERY ARTICLE HAS BEEN CLEARED IN ADVANCE. HOWEVER, IN THIS CASE, WE DOUBT THAT SUCH AN INFLAMMATORY ARTICLE COULD HAVE APPEARED WITH NORIEGA'S APPROVAL.

4. AMBASSADOR STRONGLY PROTESTED THIS STORY IN HIS CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER BOYD TODAY (SEE SEPTTEL). EMBASSY IS CONSIDERING WHAT FURTHER ACTIONS IT MAY TAKE. END CONFIDENTIAL. JORDEN

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